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Japanese Patent Publication No. 5-31359 A has been cited in the same action. This document was submitted to the Office in an IDS filed on July 26, 2000. For the convenience of the Office, corresponding English language publications of JP 5-31359 A, i.e., U.S. Patent Nos. 5,296,198; 5,538,698; and 6,869,573 are also submitted herewith as documents UA, UB and UC.

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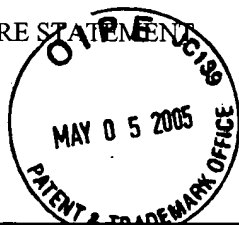
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